

The empiric study of ethnic identity of the Tatar (based on the republic of Tatarstan)

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Abstract

The article deals with the analysis of ethnic identity problem of the principal nation of Tatarstan (the Tatars). This work is devoted to the consciousness of their ethnicity in dependence on whether they live in polylingual or monolingual environment. It was experimentally proved that ethnic identification of the Tatars depends both on their social status (workers-intellectuals, living in the countryside; workers-intellectuals, living in the city) and on the environment of socialization (mono or bilingual environments). It means that they manifest their national ethnicity in different ways.

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Ethnic egoism, Ethnic fanaticism, Ethnic identity, Ethnic nihilism, Identity, Monolingual and polylingual environments, Social status